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MACAO AS CHINA SEES IT

Nanking, Apr. 29.
Commenting on the status of Macao, a high diplomatic official, quoted today by the Chinese Army organ, "People Daily," expressed four viewpoints in support of the case why the Portuguese colony should return to Chinese control.

He said that firstly, practically all territory leased to Britain, the United States and France has been taken back by China. Secondly, Portugal during the war was not an Allied nation and violated the spirit of neutrality by allowing troops to Germany and Japan, and was responsible for the death of many patriotic Chinese. Thirdly, 93 per cent of the population of Macao is Chinese, and fourthly, Macao has become an important city, dependent on national industry, production and the selling of goods.

Civil War Starts In Java

Batavia, Apr. 29.
The young "United States of Indonesia" was threatened today with an internal split which may lead to actual warfare.

In an interview, Dr. Raden Koesuma, Secretary of the Indonesian Party, claiming to represent the eastern section of Java comprising 12,000,000 Sundanese, historical enemy of the Javanese, said his section will declare its independence from the Indonesian Republic at Bandung on May 1.

He said it would also ask for protection of the Dutch Army against Republican troops.

Bandung is Dutch controlled. Dr. Koesuma said his group "will proclaim our right to free determination" under terms of the recent agreement between the Dutch and Indonesians. He said his party would seek peaceful co-operation with the Republican leaders but were prepared to fight, if necessary.

"The International world must not think this is reaction to the government of the Javanese (republic), but we have our own history and culture. History shows continual wars between Sundanese and Javanese and we are unable to live under such conditions. I am afraid this will lead to warfare, but it cannot be helped," United Press.

Heavy Fighting

Batavia, Apr. 29.
An Indonesian source said tonight that most of Western Java has been in armed revolution against President Soekarno's Indonesian Republic.

This source said 200,000 armed men are in action against the Republic and that heavy fighting is going on.

Later it was learned that armed revolt had spread from Cheribon, on the coast near the Republican capital of Djakarta, and back to the coast city of Banten. According to this source the Sundanese had lost two divisions—some 12,000 men—in casualties by premature action in Central Java last week.

This source, who refused to allow the use of his name, said that serious fighting raged for four hours yesterday with communications between Djakarta and Batavia cut but that Republic army troops quelled the Sundanese forces in heavy fighting.—United Press.

Ban On Lady Chatterley

Milan, Apr. 29.
The Italian Government today ordered suppression of the Italian translation of D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover," published by Italy's greatest publisher, Arnold Mondadori of Milan.

The book was listed among those considered indecent and immoral and its confiscation was ordered in spite of the fact that many other Italian translations have already been published and sold in the past.

"Lady Chatterley's Lover" was written by Lawrence while he was in Italy and its first publication in the English edition was at Florence in 1928. The unabridged version has been banned in Britain for many years.—Reuter.

SECOND CRISIS IN CHINA

New And Graver Threat To Economy

Speculators Again Running Wild

Nanking, Apr. 29.
For the second time in the last four months China is caught in the throes of what appears to be a grave economic crisis.

Business and economic quarters agree the crisis this time is marked by violent fluctuations and confusion much greater and graver than last February.

It is generally agreed that the new crisis will subject China's newly reorganised government to the most rigid test of strength. Many quarters are convinced that the outcome of the test will decide whether China can avert an economic collapse, which has been a constant and growing threat since the end of the Pacific war.

With reports of violent fluctuations in the price of rice, increasing concern is shown in all branches of the government. It is learned today that a price control conference will be held in Nanking in the next few days in an attempt to work out emergency measures.

Chang Kuo-wei, new head of the Central Bank of China, and Shanghai's mayor, K. C. Wu, arrived in Nanking today to report to the government on conditions in Shanghai, where the situation is most critical, and to attend the emergency conference.

Market fluctuations brought in numerous demands for readjustment of pay-scales by civil servants, and university instructors of Tsinghua University, as well as institutions in Peking and Tientsin, were in with demands for pay hikes.

The Government appears to be faced with a dilemma: to grant increases in pay, frozen at the January cost of living index (now admittedly more than 100 per cent below reality) and face the probability of speeded up inflation, or to reject the demands and face the consequences of a widespread wave of strikes.

An official Central News survey of pay-scales in relation to the price situation said the salaries of Chinese Ministers today are equivalent only to 50 prewar dollars monthly.

In Nanking five silk shops have closed down and half of the city's 300 small weaving factories have suspended business. Goldsmiths and silversmiths today decided to go into voluntary liquidation.

Speculators and hoarders are again operating widely and openly in gold and US dollars in a scramble to convert Chinese currency into durable goods, foreign currencies and hard metal before

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN MALAYA

Penang, Apr. 29.
The police today opened fire on a mob of 300 Chinese and Tamil workers resisting police efforts to break up a meeting on Duthie Estate.

The Estate has been the scene of clashes since the labourers struck two months ago for higher wages and better working conditions.

One Chinese was killed and five others in the mob injured. The police suffered several injured.—United Press.

H.E. Going To Canton

Canton, Apr. 29.
Sir Mark Young, Governor of Hong Kong, is expected here on May 2 to bring a C.B.E. decoration for Gen. Chang Fa-kuei, director of the President's Canton Headquarters, in connection with his assistance to the British Army Air Group in Kwangtung.

At that time, Gen. Chang, popularly known as the Chinese Ironsides, was commander-in-chief of the 14th War Area in Luchow. He rendered much assistance to the B.A.A.G. and gave facilities for its evacuation of Kweichow in the approach of the Japanese forces in 1944.

Sir Mark will come here also to say good-bye to Gen. Chang, Governor Lo Chao-ying, Mayor Anyang Chu and other friends and officials. It is understood that his stay here will be very brief, as he is due to return to England on retirement.—Associated Press.

Second Incident In Indo-China

Nanking, Apr. 29.
Another ten Chinese nationals have been killed and wounded in Indo-China, as a result of bombing by French warplanes of Thanhbinh in My Tho Province, about 50 kilometres southwest of Saigon, on April 20, Foreign Office sources here declared today.

This is the second incident in a week in which Chinese nationals were killed and wounded within Chinese districts, over which Chinese national flags were prominently displayed, the same sources asserted.

A high Foreign Office official, when queried by Reuter, announced that the Chinese Government may have to "reconsider present Sino-French relations, if such incidents are not finally and soon put to an end."

If the two incidents are not soon settled to the satisfaction of the Chinese Government, the settlement to include the punishment of those responsible and proper reparations for the loss of Chinese property and lives, this official warned that the "French Government should be held responsible for all consequent actions, diplomatically or otherwise to be taken by the Chinese Government."

The official expressed doubt that the incidents were purely accidents caused by the low efficiency of the French Air Force or similar reasons. He charged that the anti-Chinese propaganda often put out by reactionary elements in the French National Assembly had to a certain extent an effect on the massacre of Chinese nationals in Indo-China.—Reuter.

AIR TRAGEDY FEARED

Seattle, Apr. 29.
A Trans-Canada Air Lines plane, with 15 persons aboard, is missing and believed to have crashed in the Pacific Ocean near Vancouver Island, where the U.S. Coast Guard reported a fire had been seen.

Three minutes before the plane was scheduled to land at Vancouver, British Columbia, it reported its altitude was 7,000 feet. That was at 9:00 GMT. Five hours later it still had not arrived.—Associated Press.

Horse Trading In Reparations

Washington, Apr. 29.
The Far East Commission Reparations Committee considered procedural matters today and a spokesman said "nothing was done on reparations."

He added that it is becoming increasingly evident that the committee decision on what percentage of Japan's internal assets the allies will receive will require considerable time.

"It is to be expected that the various allies will be cautious in stating the percentages of this category of reparations they want until the numerous preliminaries are considered," the spokesman said declining to elaborate on "preliminaries."

"There is bound to be considerable horse trading in this respect but we expect a decision will be achieved eventually," he concluded. The committee's next session is scheduled for next week.—Associated Press.

BEVIN BACK

London, Apr. 29.
Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin landed at a London airport from Berlin today on his return from Moscow.

Commenting on the Moscow conference, he said: "I am yet optimistic. I ask the British people to have patience. We shall reconcile our differences."—Reuter.

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Wallace Forecasts A Depression

Washington, Apr. 29.
Former Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace left the door wide open for a "peace party" draft of the Wallace movement in the 1948 presidential campaign.

In his first formal news conference today since his return from Europe, he defended the right to speak out against President Truman's foreign policies so long as the United States is not at war.

He said the way to maintain world peace was to send plows and tractors, not munitions, abroad.

During an hour-long conference, Mr. Wallace covered a wide range of subjects, both domestic and foreign. They included these views:

(1) The United States will have a business depression in 1948—but not a serious one.

(2) The United States will not face a serious depression in 1948.

"until our surpluses really begin to pile up and foreign countries run out of dollars."

(3) Russia fears the United States will have a big economic setback and, perhaps, that is one reason why she is reluctant to participate in other international economic activities.

(4) It is much easier in this country to appropriate huge sums for munitions to send abroad than for reclamation and other projects at home.

Mr. Wallace said he has no plans for another trip abroad, but he had been invited to visit Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Chile and Argentina. He said he had not been invited to visit Russia.—United Press.

TWO SHIPS AGROUND

Amsterdam, Apr. 29.
The British steamer Meranser (1,024 tons) and the American vessel Norwalk Victory both went aground last night in the Scheldt and unconfirmed reports said two men are missing from the Meranser.

Location of the ships was not fixed exactly and it is believed they had gone aground between Dord and Aankenshoek on Belgian territory.—United Press.

Juvenile Committed For Murder

Port Talbot, Wales, Apr. 29.
A nine-year-old boy was today committed for trial by the Juvenile Court on a charge of murder of a four-year-old playmate. His name was withheld in accordance with Juvenile Court procedure but that of his playmate was given as Glyndwr Owen Charles Parfitt of Nantylar, Glamorgan.

The boy is the youngest to face a murder trial at the Assizes for many years and is only just above the age of eight—under which children are considered incapable of crime in the eyes of the law.

Defence counsel submitted today that he had no case to answer since the court had to be satisfied by clear and strong evidence that the boy understood the gravity of what he had done.

The reply the boy made when charged with murder—"I won't do it again"—was sufficient proof that he did not realise what he had done.

Prosecuting counsel said that Parfitt went to play with other boys in an empty house on Easter Monday and after a while went with the accused boy to the river bank. Parfitt was never seen alive again but was later found dead in the water, his hands tied with one blood and his ankles with another.

When seen by the police, accused said: "I tied Glyndwr up with his shoe laces and threw him into the river and he was drowned. I went home. I was afraid to tell anybody."—Reuter.

OPIUM STOCKS TO BE DUMPED

(By Margaret Bradbury)
Shortly before noon today (Wednesday), nearly two and a half million dollars worth of raw opium and gross will be dumped in deep water outside the Harbour by officials of the Imports and Exports Department who will be carrying out one of the largest drug destruction jobs within the last ten years.

This huge quantity of drugs, weighing over 2,000 lbs or 24,000 taels, is mainly made up of seizures made from the Japanese by the Military Government following the reoccupation, 1939, while between 1st May 1939 and the beginning of 1940.

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Churchill Plot In India!

Peshawar, Apr. 29.
As the Viceroy and Lady Mountbatten today began the second day of their visit to the Northwest Frontier Province, Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Provincial Congress leader, known as the "Frontier Gandhi," said that an attempt was being made to make the province a strong hold of the British Government by making it a buffer state between India and Russia.

He added: "In spite of the honest intention of the British Labour Government and the Viceroy to hand over power to India by June next year, Mr. Winston Churchill and his agents are trying to create an atmosphere in India on the basis of which Mr. Churchill might be helped to power and the British might be requested to stay in India."

"The present disturbances in the country naturally lead me to suspect that there is a big plot and conspiracy behind it all."

"We are passing through the most critical times—times when we should have unity and confidence among ourselves for the betterment of our nation. Setting fire to the country cannot help the Moslem League or Pakistan."

Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the Province, who is the "Frontier Gandhi's" brother, told a press conference today that if anybody who could deliver the goods to the Indians it was Rear-Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, the Viceroy.—Reuter.

Largest Seizure

The official added that India has always been a "favourite" source of production of drugs for Hong Kong, but the authorities concerned are now interested in reports that the recent poppy crop in Yunnan has been a bumper one.

There have been two cases of people growing opium poppies recently in the Colony, one in the New Territories and one on Cheong Chau Island. In both instances it was discovered that the people responsible had arrived here during the occupation, and one of them had been producing opium poppies for the Japanese in the Lamma Islands during the occupation.

Comparative figures for opium seizures in 1939 and 1946 show that 10,107 taels of raw opium and 10,230 taels of prepared opium were confiscated in



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INCOME TAX PETITION

Signed By Over 10,000 Chinese Firms

Chinese Chamber Meeting

The latest Petition to be drawn up by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Anti Direct Tax Introduction Committee, which will be submitted to Government today, had been signed by over 10,000 individual firms yesterday afternoon.

In the course of a meeting of the Committee at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the Chinese Representatives on the Legislative Council were again subjected to attack, some speakers urging that the Chinese Representatives had, by their attitude, forfeited all right to be classified as "Chinese Representatives" and that "Government Representatives" would be a more applicable term.

In reporting upon the results of the visit paid by the Executive Committee to the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Chinese Representatives on Monday, Mr. Der said that while the attitude of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau was favourable, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo expressed himself as fully in agreement with the proposed tax.

Dealing with the interview with the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Mr. Der said that the latter showed great interest in the views expressed and undertook to lay such views before Government. Mr. Der said that they were indeed very grateful to the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd for his courtesy and frankness in the matter.

Continuing, Mr. Der said that the firm attitude which had been adopted by Government indicated that Government was not prepared to show any regard whatsoever for the wishes of the people. As a last attempt at reconciliation, a Petition, signed by individual firms, was being submitted to Government. Failing a satisfactory reply to this Petition, active steps would be taken to show Government that the people are most determined in this matter.

Not Elected

Mr. Der drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that the Chinese Representatives had not been elected by the people, but appointed by Government. It was their duty to express the views and wishes of the people, but they had not done so. Mr. Der said that should the efforts of the Commission to obtain a cancellation of the proposed tax end in failure.

Readers' Letters

Anti-Tax Campaign

Sir.—The Hong Kong Anti-Income Tax Association in its last telegram enters the realm of practical things. They recognise the wisdom of offering some tangible suggestion to the Government, and offer to pay contributions by a system of licences based on the nature of their businesses.

There is nothing new about it; several newspaper correspondents referred to it when the Taxation Committee appealed for suggestions about a year ago. The Taxation Committee ignored the suggestions, but rather than let prying eyes ferret out things in their account books our merchants here have now, rather belatedly, offered to pay an annual contribution under a licensing system. It is one of great potentialities and Government ought to accept it with the least possible delay. At least \$20,000,000 a year could be raised from the source alone. While they are about it, the names of shareholders, partners, and other persons connected with each business might be registered at the same time.

The Association has, however, been making mistakes. Their exaggerations are giving them away. They announced a Monster Parade and Demonstration to proceed to Government House, but only 19 persons took part. The parade should therefore be classified as a "howling" success. That little feature was not told to the Minister for the Colonies. The most serious exaggeration is their claim that a million persons will be affected by the new tax. Do they really believe that the Minister will be hoodwinked into thinking that there are so many people in Hong Kong who will be taxable under the new tax?

Who do the Anti-Tax Association people think they are, anyway? They claim to represent 100% of the Chinese population of Hong Kong. How and by whom were they so appointed? It is safe to assume that under the new tax not more than 2% will be called upon to pay this tax. Are 2% of the population to lead 98% by the nose? What assurance do the 2% have that in a properly conducted election in Hong Kong they will really represent the people of Hong Kong?

Most Unstable

We are unanimous of opinion that of the four Direct Taxes, the Profit Tax is the most unstable and objectionable. Shops or firms that enjoy the right of exemption from this oppressive tax, will too have to pay fees for having their accounts audited, precluded to the tax collectors' official investigation. To cite an actual case for illustration: When the War Tax was imposed

RUSHING THROUGH INCOME TAX

Both the second and third readings of the Income Tax Bill, the "Ordinance to impose a Tax on Earnings and Profits" will be taken at tomorrow's meeting of Legislative Council.

between 1940 and 1941, the Sundries and Foreign goods dealers which were immune from the tax were obliged to engage auditors to have their accounts audited. The average auditing fee was about HK\$500, which was quite a considerable sum in the pre-war days. Furthermore, of these shops, eighty out of a hundred, were immune. If these auditing fees, including those from the exempted taxpayers, had been paid to the Government, what valuable money would have then been saved.

In view of the reasons given above, we beg therefore to submit for the Government's consideration our recommendation of a "General Business Licence Fee", applicable to all business concerns without exceptions, as a substitution for the unpopular Profit Tax.

Macao Example

"The collection of a fee of a similar nature which, no doubt, will be graded according to the size and nature, etc., of the shop or firm, is at present being carried out in Macao and Canton. We suggest that Government make investigations and studies into the system of the Macao and Canton Governments in connection with such a fee, and then devise a better system to introduce the fee to meet the needs of the Hong Kong Government."

"There are, at present, in Hongkong shops and firms, like the liquor dealers and importers whose trade is of such a nature, that they are required to pay licence fees irrespective of their annual profits or losses. Knowing exactly what is expected of them, they pay their fees without complaint. The same principle applies to a 'General Business Licence Fee'. As long as people know exactly what they have to pay and that they will not be involved in all the annoyances, inconveniences and complications which must necessarily accompany a Profit Tax, they will be only too glad to contribute their share towards the solution of the Government's revenue difficulties."

Hoping that this petition will meet with the Government's kind consideration and final approval."

Jail And "Cat" For Armed Robber

Sentence of ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and ten strokes was passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, on Ko Man, unemployed, who was yesterday unanimously found guilty by a jury on a charge of armed robbery at No. 51 Pilgrim Street, 2nd floor, on Mar. 12, together with others not in custody.

Mr. A. J. Clifford prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and accused was not legally represented.

For the Crown, Mr. Clifford said that at about 6.45 p.m. on Mar. 12, four men entered No. 51 Pilgrim Street, 2nd floor, Kowloon, and herded the occupants, from whom a gold ring and wristlet watch were stolen, into a cubicle. The activities of the men were interrupted by a police whistle being blown, and they immediately left the flat.

At the time, mahjong was being played on the ground floor of the premises and a station cooler from Taimshant, who was waiting to take part, saw three men run out of the building from the common stairway of Nos. 49 and 51 Pilgrim Street. As they reached the street, the men split up, two running in one direction and the third in another. The station cooler pursued the third man and eventually arrested him in a lane in Parkes Street near Nanking Street.

Mr. Clifford said that at no time during the chase did the station cooler lose sight of the man he was chasing, so there could be no possibility of a mistake.

Woman's Story

Three of the inmates of No. 51 Pilgrim Street recognised accused as one of the party who entered the flat, but said he was not the man who carried the gun. This gun, said Mr.

Coming Events

May 2—C.B.A. Reunion Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
May 5—H.K. Singers, first rehearsal of "The Messiah," Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
May 7—Green Is. Cement Co. Ltd. annual and extraordinary meetings, Exchange Bldg., noon.
May 7—Dinner To Sir Mark and Lady Young, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
May 9—Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
May 10 and 17—"Shamshulpo Cocktail," KCC, 9 p.m.
May 17—China Emporium extraordinary meeting, 3 p.m.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

Flood Relief Ball

A Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday, 6th May, at the Gloucester, for in aid of the British Flood Relief Fund.

The management have generously offered the floor, band and all services for the occasion.

A committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. W. Stanton as chairman are working hard for a successful evening. The committee advises that there will be a Cabaret and also "Prizes and Surprises." Two bands will provide non-stop music. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from the following committee members: Mrs. A. J. D. Moss, Mrs. A. Sidbury, Mrs. D. S. R. Bbb, Mrs. M. R. Dunsey, Miss Elma Kelly, Mrs. Pauline Yee, Mrs. W. T. Stanton, Mrs. Violet Chan, and Mrs. D. Rutledge. Table reservations may be made with Mr. Morgensten, telephone 26319 and 26141.

Wedding

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday of Mr. Thomas Ward, Purser of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Wing Sang," and Mrs. Beatrice Ohi.

Mr. Maxwell Jones was Best Man and Mrs. Maxwell Jones Matron of Honour. A reception was held later at the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel. Among those present were Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Capt. Schofield, Master of the "Wing Sang," Mr. R. E. Smith, Marine Superintendent of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Col. and Mrs. Brazier-Creagh, Maj. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. Francis Pan, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Mr. and Mrs. Capelle and Mr. Pettit.

The honeymoon is being spent at Reipulse Bay.

SKELETON IN SHOUSON HILL WELL

The skeleton recovered from the bottom of a well in the grounds of 15, Shouson Hill, a photograph of which is one of the exhibits in the case against Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo, may not be that of a European.

A statement to this effect was adduced in examination by the Court of the witness called for the defence yesterday in the Tanaka trial.

The witness, Capt. John Digby, of the War Graves Registration Unit, testified that he had searched the grounds of No. 15 Shouson Hill for the remains of British military personnel killed in the defence of Hong Kong and had recovered part of the skeleton of one body from a well. He had uncovered some slit trenches in the grounds but was unable to find any further skeletons.

Questioned by the Court if he was in a position to say if the skeleton recovered was that of a European, witness replied that he had taken it to the Medical Section of Headquarters, Land Forces, where he was told by medical personnel who examined the bone structure that, judging from the length of the bones and the width of the bridge of the nose, it was more likely to be that of an Asiatic.

Saw Killing

At an earlier stage in the trial, a Chinese farmer from Aberdeen had testified before the Court that he had witnessed the killing of three British officers by Japanese soldiers who wore Tanaka Unit identification tags and had later seen the Japanese throwing one of the bodies into the well.

The cross-examination of Major-General Tanaka by the Prosecuting Officer concluded yesterday and Tanaka was examined at some length by the Court.

Tanaka agreed that it was essential to the success of his operation in making a considerable circuit from the landing point at Shaikwan and finishing up at High West in some nine hours that he should encounter the minimum of opposition, dodge it if possible, and avoid encumbering himself with prisoners.

Tanaka claimed that his unit met with practically no resistance at any of the landing points, but recollected having been subjected to some machine-gun fire while crossing to Shaikwan.

Identity Discs

He said his unit bore no identification tags other than three dots forming a triangle with its apex at the bottom. He asserted also that large units such as his own would not carry identification tags. The Shoji Unit's identification mark consisted of a square with a number of dots inside it and the Doi Unit's of a circle with the Japanese character for "eight."

Independent units would carry name tags, Tanaka said. Asked by the Court if he knew of any other officer called Tanaka in his unit, accused said that there was a 2/Lieutenant of that name. He had heard from someone in March last year, he added, that there was an officer in Lieut-General Kitajima's command who was called Tanaka

it, but as it was of silver, what use would it have been for you to take it?"

Chinese Customs

Corroborative evidence was given by Chau Siu Hoi, Shlu Yee and Li Chun.

Accused, who elected to testify from the witness-box, said that he came to Hong Kong from Ping Shan near Wai Yung on Mar. 17. He came to Hong Kong to look for a friend, but was unable to locate him.

On Mar. 18, at about four or five o'clock in the afternoon, he met a neighbour from the village, who asked to meet him that same night at about 9 p.m. under a banyan tree in Yumaili, where there were a number of congee stalls.

On his way to keep the appointment, he saw a crowd in a street, the name of which he did not know. He saw people running. He became so frightened that he ran for about ten paces, because in China it was customary for people to run when something serious had happened.

He was arrested by the station cooler and more than ten people sat on him and alleged he was a robber. He told the people to search him and when they did this they could not find anything incriminating on him.

After Sir Henry had summed up the jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of guilty, and accused was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and ten strokes of the cane.

H.K. Trams Dividend

The following announcement was made yesterday by Hong Kong Tramways Limited.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors it was resolved to recommend at the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting shortly to be convened a Dividend in respect of the year 1946 of \$2.00 per share. This is the first dividend declared by the Company since an Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share paid in 1941 and follows 16 months of resumed operation since 1st September, 1945. No dividends were declared at close of the Accounts on 31st December, 1945, covering the period 1/1/41—31/12/45.

Based upon Report of a professional investigation and survey of the Tramways recently undertaken, which will be duly reported at the said Ordinary Yearly General Meeting, a revaluation has been carried out showing a value of \$8,770,136.81 in the Fixed Assets invested in the Undertaking against a written-down book figure of \$2,211,336.70, thus creating a Fixed Assets Re-valuation Reserve of \$6,558,801.11 to be incorporated, accordingly, in the Balance Sheet about to be issued.

It is the intention of the Directors to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held immediately after the conclusion of the said Ordinary Yearly General Meeting, for the purpose of proposing resolutions (inter alia) to the following effect:

- (1) That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 3,850,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each.
- (2) That the sum of \$6,500,000 being part of the Re-valuation Reserve of the Company be capitalised and that such capital sum be applied on behalf of the then registered shareholders in payment in full of 1,300,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each and that such shares credited as fully paid up be allotted to such shareholders respectively in the proportion of Two of such new shares for every one of the shares then held by such shareholders as shown on the Register of Members of the Company.

CASE DISMISSED

A summons against Fung Cheung-kau, manager of the Shing Fung Firm, 8 Connaught Road West, for attempting to export 12 cases of cotton yarn on April 3, was dismissed by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday, when he ruled there was not sufficient evidence to support the prosecution's case.

Mr. E. Himswood, Superintendent of the I. & E., prosecuted. Mr. F. G. Nigel pleaded not guilty for Fung.

B.O.A.C. CRAFT ARRIVES

The B.O.A.C. flyingboat, which, owing to bad weather, was forced to put in at Hainan Island on Saturday, arrived in Hong Kong at 6.30 last evening.

The flyingboat had another stroke of bad luck when one of its engines failed shortly after the take-off but it made a perfect landing at Kai Tak after having flown from Hainan on three engines.

Flags are being flown in Hong Kong at half-mast today in the occasion of the funeral of the late King of Denmark.

JEWISH AGENCY THREAT

Debate On Palestine Opens In U.N. Assembly

New Chairman On Heavy Responsibility

Flushing, N.Y., Apr. 28.
The United Nations General Assembly today met in its first emergency session to tackle the toughest problem it yet has faced—the Palestine question.

As Fernand van Langenhove of Belgium, acting chairman, called the delegates of member nations to order, the Jewish Agency threatened to boycott the session unless it was allowed to join in the debate as the voice of Zionism.

The Agency's Executive Committee formally applied to the Assembly for the right to represent the Jews of the world. It said that if the application is rejected its executive will refuse to attend the session.

The delegates took their seats mindful of the Irgun Zvai Leumi's declaration in Jerusalem yesterday that its relentless war against the British would continue unabated during the meeting.

Cewaldia Aranha of Brazil was elected President of the Assembly for this session, succeeding Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium who presided over the meeting last autumn.

The choice of Aranha had been agreed upon previously. Aranha was given 45 of the 50 votes cast. Four nations abstained. Five other delegates, including Russia's Andrei Gromyko, got one vote each.

Quiet Start

The quiet start of the session was matched by the cold which had delegates and spectators rubbing their hands together for warmth. The galleries were packed. The Secretariat had turned down 20,000 requests for tickets for today's session. In his introductory speech, Dr. Aranha said: "Do not allow confusion to cloud the nature of the task that is entrusted to us." The United Nations must "exercise in full measure its responsibilities" in handling the Palestine problem.

Siam, which was elected to the United Nations at the last Assembly, was formally admitted as the 56th member of the world parliament, and was represented by its Ambassador to the United States, Prince Wan Wathayakon. —United Press.

Arab Demand

Syria's Faris El Khoury, declared after the Assembly had

Fears Clash In Korea

Washington, Apr. 28.
The Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Charles Eaton, told the House Rules Committee: "In Korea we are face to face with exactly the same situation as in Greece and Turkey."

"The country is not only divided into two parts by the Russians and Americans but infiltration of Communist philosophy into the American zone has also been going on all this time."

"How are we to avoid a serious clash with the Russians there, I do not know." —Reuter.

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SAY IT NOT IN GATH

Dalkeith, Apr. 28.
About 400 couples yesterday danced in the public hall here in what is believed to be the first public dance held in Scotland on a Sunday since the establishment of Presbyterianism in the country. — Associated Press.

Wallace And Next Election

Washington, Apr. 29.
Henry A. Wallace said today it is "too early to say" whether he will support President Harry Truman for re-election next year.

Back from his European tour, the former vice-president said he "still hopes" the democratic party "will become a liberal party." If it does not, "steps will have to be taken."

In response to questions, Wallace reaffirmed a declaration made abroad that he is opposed to "Russian imperialism" as well as the "imperialism" of other countries. — Associated Press.

More Aid For Europe Demanded

New York, Apr. 28.
The American magazine, "Look," surveying in an editorial the position of Europe two years after victory, said that Europe "will not recover for decades, if ever, unless she receives much more help from the United States."

"Europe today is hardly better off than during the war, while the United States' individual food consumption has gone up 15 per cent over pre-war," the paper declared.

"This is certainly not what Europeans anticipated when the Allies landed in France in June, 1944." The confidence of Frenchmen at the time of invasion that the Allies would never let them know again the miseries suffered during the occupation no longer exists.

"In two years America has ceased to appear heroic and generous. Europeans are beginning to look on us as a tight-fisted dollar pinching, comfortably established amid their squalor."

The magazine said that if Europe remains impoverished, America cannot remain prosperous. "We have already poured tremendous funds and effort into post-war Europe. The money we have spent is hardly more than a token of what is needed. We have served thus far only to alleviate rather than correct the tragedy of Europe."

"In the care of refugees we have done next to nothing. We have done little to save Europe's crumbling finances."

A Bargain
"There are a number of steps we can take, all of them expensive. First, we must lead in the feeding of Europe until she can feed herself. We must furnish her with clothes and help to rebuild

American Garrison Threatened

Wiesbaden, Apr. 28.
A contingent of two officers and 11 armed G.I.s are flying from here today to Robert's Airfield, Liberia, to strengthen the small United States army garrison, which is threatened by rioting natives.

The airfield formerly served as an important stop on the United States army North African flights but was closed down recently.

A skeleton force of no more than five G.I.s and two officers are believed to be facing mobs of hostile natives who are protesting against the termination of work. The trouble was reported to have started with the discharge of 800 native workmen when the airfield closed on March 31.

Shortly after their dismissal, the natives started raiding warehouses on the airfield. One native not employed by the United States army was electrocuted when he walked into a powerline and this stirred up a feeling of resentment.

Another native was shot and killed by a guard who had seen him prowling through the barracks. As a result of the shooting, hundreds of natives, armed with clubs, stormed the airfield headquarters, demanding that the soldier who shot the native be handed over to them.

When the commandant refused, the natives pulled him from his car and the officer was only saved from violence by the intervention of Liberian army officers.

Since the airfield was closed, water-pipes and power-lines have been cut off several times, while three warehouses have been burned down and others looted. —Reuter.

Smuggling Trick Detected

London, Apr. 28.
Customs officials reported today that they had nipped a scheme by which nearly \$50,000 worth of pearl necklaces were believed to have been smuggled into Britain from Czechoslovakia in sealed diplomatic packages.

Acting on a conversation overheard in a Soho cafe, the authorities found several necklaces hidden in cases of wines and food sent from Prague to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London.

The investigators said they were satisfied that the officials responsible for the transport of the sealed cases were unaware that they contained contraband. They said the pearls always had been removed from the cases before they were handled by the Embassy staff.

The pearl necklaces were understood to have been sold in England for about £7 each. The smuggling had been going on for several months, officials said. —United Press.

SEARCH GIVEN UP

Rangoon, Apr. 28.
Search has been abandoned for the British India Steam Navigation Company's vessel "Sir Harvey Adamson," which has been missing for a week off the coast of southern Burma.

Among the 250 missing passengers aboard the ship was Ung Maung Khin, a member of Burma's newly elected Constituent Assembly, who was travelling to Mergui for his wedding. —Reuter.

SEVERE LOSS

London, Apr. 28.
The Agriculture Minister, Mr. Thomas Williams, said in a speech today that 4,000,000 sheep and lambs—20 per cent of Britain's flock—had died in the winter shows, cold and flood. —United Press.

Hearst Papers Open Palestine Drive

New York, Apr. 28.
The United Nations Assembly debate on the Palestine problem, which opened today, was the leading story in nearly all United States evening newspapers tonight, overcrowding most of the domestic and foreign news.

The Hearst chain of newspapers carried the heavy, banner headlines across their front pages: "Plan Zion Showdown Delay" and "Palestine—A Pledge Unfulfilled" was the title of one article on the leader page.

Prefacing the article was a statement attributed to the late Archbishop of Canterbury: "In the matter of Palestine Britain stands before the bar of God, of History and of Humanity."

The Hearst article said: "It is imperative that President Truman instruct our delegation to the United Nations Organization to take the initiative in achieving a just solution, based upon America's historic policy on support of Jewish national aspirations."

The Conservative New York Sun commented: "The Palestine problem has become so complex that it is a major problem for the United Nations Organization."

The New York Post said: "If the present session of the UNO ends without adopting a minimum programme of justice for Jews in relation to Palestine, then the United Nations Organization will have started along the path of moral bankruptcy, to which the League of Nations turned in the case of Ethiopia."

William Philip Simms, chief foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, declared: "The present situation in Palestine would seem made to order for the United Nations. Without the United Nations no solution seems possible for Palestine." —Reuter.

GANDHI'S PLANS

Patna, Apr. 28.
Mahatma Gandhi altered his plans today and will leave for New Delhi on Wednesday instead of on Friday as originally scheduled.

Observers interpret the change as meaning that Congress leaders have indicated urgent need for his guidance at the present crucial stage in the country's political situation. —United Press.

London, Apr. 28.
The State Council of Finland today ratified the peace treaty with the Allies, the Moscow Radio said tonight. —Reuter.

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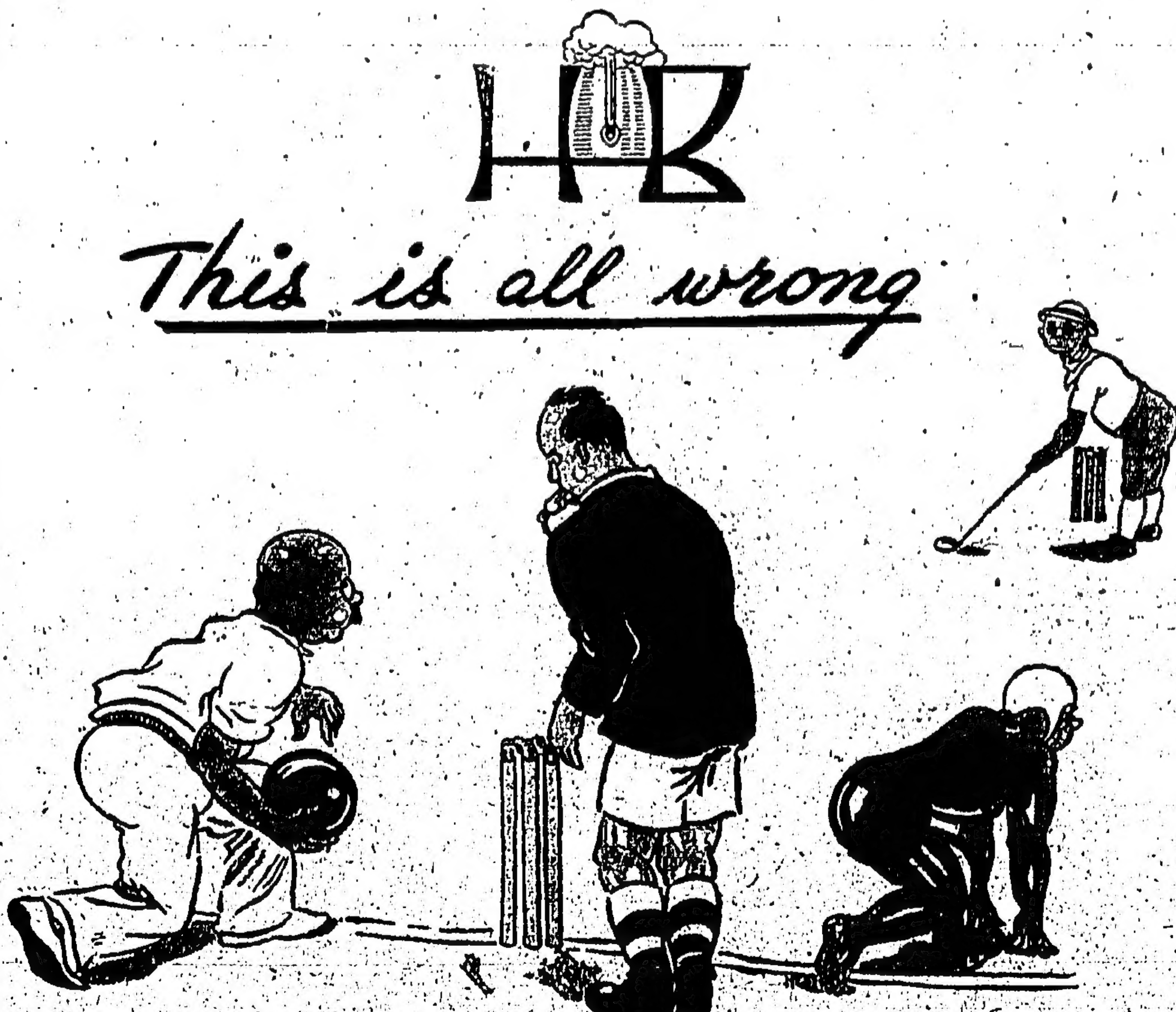
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ing:—Mrs. Bruce, Miss M.
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Phone Mr. Matti,
Peninsula Hotel.

POLICE NOTICE

Traffic Arrangements for the
Memorial Service for the late
King Christian X of Denmark
to be held at St. John's
Cathedral on Wednesday, 30th
April, 1947.

The following road will be
closed to all traffic from 11.15
a.m. to 1 p.m.:—

1. Garden Road between
Queen's Road Central and
Lower Albert Road.

2. Alternative routes to the
Peak may be taken as
follows:

(a) Lee House Street,
Wyndham Street left
into Arbutnot Road,
left into Upper Albert
Road right into Garden
Road, or.

(b) Lee House Street, left
into Lower Albert Road
right into Garden Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hong Kong, 29th April, 1947.

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Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1945 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Sixth Extra
Race Meeting to be held on
Saturday, 10th May 1947
(weather permitting) may be
obtained at the Secretary's
Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley; and
the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
noon on Thursday, 1st May
1947.

By Order,
C.B. BROWN
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

A Memorial Service
for the late King
Christian X of Denmark
will be held in St. John's
Cathedral on Wednesday
April 30th at twelve
noon.

THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A casting meeting for a Radio
Play, to be presented in the near
future, will be held in the
Cheong Club at 5.30 p.m. on
Thursday, 1st May. The re-
hearsal will last approximately
one hour and all people inter-
ested are cordially invited.

IRAN DENIAL

Tehran, Apr. 28.
Radio Tehran today broad-
cast an official denial of reports
circulating in Iran, according
to which Iranian officials had
admitted that Iranian troops
had been sent to the Soviet
Union.

WHISPER DIRECTIVE

Moslems Greet Viceroy In Green Shirts

70 Arrests In Calcutta Riot

New Delhi, Apr. 28.
Green-shirted Moslem League National Guards,
shouting Moslem League slogans, greeted Ad-
miral Viscount Mountbatten when he arrived
at Peshawar today to investigate the situation
in the Northwest Frontier Province.

The Viceroy waved to the demonstrators from a
railway bridge near the airport as he and Lady
Mountbatten drove into Peshawar, where
communal clashes have followed the Moslem
League's campaign against the Congress Gov-
ernment and Dr. Khan Sahib, Moslem Con-
gress Premier.

Some Moslem League leaders
were temporarily freed from
jail so that they might meet
Viscount Mountbatten at Gov-
ernment House. Both Moslems
and non-Moslems closed their
shops and normal security mea-
sures were in force in the city,
where the Moslem League was
reported to have sent out a
"whisper directive" to all adult
males and children to wear
green shirts for the Viceroy's
visit.

The Premier is giving a gar-
den party tonight for the
Viceroy.

While Lord Mountbatten was
attempting to ease the situa-
tion, which Mr. Ali Jinnah,
Moslem League leader recently
described as "grave," the In-
dian Constituent Assembly in
New Delhi meeting today
adopted a resolution proposed
by Pandit Nehru, welcoming
the representatives of those
states which had decided to
join the Constituent Assembly.

Pandit Nehru said: "We do
not wish to interfere in the
internal arrangement of states.
It is for the people to decide
what they want and do not
want."

The provisional agenda gives
October 31 as the deadline for
drafting the new constitution.
All speakers emphasised the
urgency of completing the con-
stitution before the transfer of
power by Britain in June next
year.

States To Join
The states' representatives,
addressing the Assembly for
the first time, maintained that
the states should be an integral
part of India.

The Premier of Baroda was
cheered when he declared: "We

French Delegate Walks Out

Lake Success, N.Y., Apr. 28.
The French delegate today
walked out of the United Na-
tions Trusteeship Council in
protest against the Council's
consideration of petitions from
Germans in Tanganyika protest-
ing against repatriation.

The delegate—M. Roland
Garreau—protested against the
Trusteeship Council concerning
itself with petitions from ex-
enemy nationals several days
ago.

Today, when the matter came
up again in the Council, he re-
peated his point of view and
dramatically gathered up his
papers and walked to the public
gallery seats, where he sat
down.—Reuter.

Honeymoon Economy

London, Apr. 28.
Magistrate J. F. Eastwood, at
Bow Street Court today, agreed
that a honeymoon might be the
extenuating circumstances which
caused Leslie Cohen illegally to
cash £400 in cheques in France,
but still fined Cohen £800 and
£60 court costs.

Cohen's expenditure of £400
daily instead of the permitted £7
10s was defended by his counsel
on the grounds that "one does
not try to economize on one's
honeymoon."

The Judge told Cohen: "As
you counsel said, one does not
try to economize.... perhaps
that is not quite right. It does
not succeed."—United Press.

AN EXAMPLE

Springfield, Mass., Apr. 28.
The cousin of General Douglas
MacArthur became one of the
first manufacturers to adopt the
"Newburyport plan" in cutting
prices 10 per cent.

John J. MacArthur of the Mac-
Arthur Products Co. announced
that the cut would be applied to
all of its products, including
the distribution of MacArthur
products to the public.

MAYER DIVORCE

Los Angeles, Apr. 28.
Mr. Louis B. Mayer, head
of the Metro Goldwyn Film
Corporation and a highest
salaried United States citi-
zen, was divorced today by
his 62-year-old wife, Mar-
garet.
She will receive a cash set-
tlement of \$3,250,000.—Reu-
ter.

Vanguard In Hot Weather

Aboard H.M.S. Vanguard,
Apr. 28.

The Vanguard had her first
day of real tropical weather
today.

A swimming pool has been
set up for the Royal Family on
the Quarter Deck and another
for ratings on the forecastle.
Tonight, the Royal Family
are attending the film
"Rebecca."

Plans for landing on the
island of St. Helena tomorrow
are now complete and the
Royal Family will board the
escorting cruiser Nigeria to-
morrow morning off the island.
If weather conditions permit
they will then go ashore and
spend two hours on the island
where Napoleon spent his exile.
—Reuter.

CZECH GRATITUDE TO BRITAIN

London, Apr. 28.

Mr. Josef David, Socialist President of the Czecho-
slovakian National Assembly, in an interview
with Reuter tonight expressed gratitude of the
Czechoslovak people to Great Britain and ex-
pressed the conviction that friendship between
the two countries, cemented during the first
and second world war, would grow ever
stronger.

Great Britain, he recalled,
welcomed Dr. Edvard Benes
when he had to leave his coun-
try, was the first country to re-
cognise the Czechoslovak Pro-
visional Government and made
possible the organisation of the
Czech Army and Air Force
abroad.

"The people of Czechoslovakia
will always remain grateful for
this help," he said.

Referring to the present visit
to Britain of the Czechoslovak
Parliamentary Delegation, of
which he is the leader, Mr.
David added: "This visit is one
more proof how much the people
of Czechoslovakia are esteemed
in Great Britain."

The London Country Council
tonight gave a dinner in honour
of Mr. David and members of
the delegation.

In reply to Lady Nathan,
Chairman of the Council, who
stressed in her speech of wel-
come that the visit of the de-
legation was a contribution to
the cause of international un-
derstanding and goodwill, Mr.
David said: "We were together
in war and will be together in
peace to rebuild democracy in
the world."

The Czech Ambassador in
London, who also spoke at the
dinner, said: Cooperation and
friendship between Britain and
Czechoslovakia are not only
words, but an obligation for me
in my new capacity as am-
bassador.

Lord Jowitt, Lord Chan-
cellor, told the delegation: "I do
not in the least wonder that you
have decided to get rid of
Sudeten Germans, I think in so
doing, you were absolutely
right."

True Spark
The delegation was welcomed
by the Lord Chancellor at a tea
party given by the British In-
ter-Parliamentary Union in the
House of Commons.

Paying tribute to the "gal-
lantry and integrity" of the
Czechoslovak people, Lord
Jowitt said: "You kept alive in
difficult times the true spark of
democracy."

"We rejoice to think that
once more freedom is yours and
that you are using it as you
are," Lord Jowitt said. "I am
convinced that the firm
friendship between Britain and
Czechoslovakia is necessary in
the future of Europe."

Belgian Cut In Civil Service

Brussels, Apr. 28.

M. Gaston Ryssens, Belgian
Minister of Finance, announced
in a budget statement to the Bel-
gian Chamber today a 20 per
cent cut in civil service.

The Government, he said, has
proposed to reduce state ex-
penditure by 4,000 to 5,000 mil-
lion francs in order to balance
the budget.

The Minister called attention to
the international value of the
franc, which remained undepre-
ciated on the official market and had pro-
gressively become stronger on
the free market. He added that
Belgium must increase her pro-
duction and exportation of goods
and services in order to pay her
debts of about 17,000,000 francs.

Chinese Refuse To Sail

Melbourne, Apr. 28.

The departure of the
steamship Marella, due
to leave for Singapore
yesterday, is still held
up because 80 Chinese
seamen refuse to sail un-
less they are reassured
that the Customs au-
thorities will not confiscate
the goods they had
bought in Sydney.

Documents served on the
captain require the appearance
of the crew before the Control-
ler of Customs, but the seamen,
through a solicitor, say that
they will not be represented.
They challenge the Customs to
try them in the civil court on
charges of attempting to smuggle
into Singapore tyres, butter
and biscuits, which the Customs
seized.

The Secretary of the Chinese
Seamen's Union, Mr. Poon,
said today: "The crew formed
an organisation and pooled
money to buy goods in Aus-
tralia and sell them in Singa-
pore and Hongkong, where they
are in short supply, and then
share the profits. The Chinese
in the s.s. Yachow last Decem-
ber declared 600 Australian
pounds worth of imports on ar-
rival at Sydney, but these were
impounded at Melbourne, after
which the crew has not seen
them."

Passengers on the Marella
are becoming impatient at the
delay, and the ship's agents
point out that the perishable
goods in the cargo are needed
in Singapore.—Reuter.

Enquiry Into Budget Leakage

London, Apr. 28.

The Stock Exchange Council,
governing body of London's great
securities market, announced to-
day a special investigation into a
charge that a budget secret
"leaked" in time to allow some
stock operators to profit on the
market.

The council has appointed a
special committee to probe the
accusation at the request of Dr.
Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the
Exchequer.

The charge came from a con-
servative member of parliament,
Gurney Braithwaite, who noted
the heavy purchasing of some
shares—particularly in rayon
companies—a few hours before
Dr. Dalton opened his budget on
April 15.—Associated Press.

General Not Endangered

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.

British Military Headquarters
tonight denied that Major-General
G. H. A. MacMillan, General Of-
ficer Commanding British Troops
in Palestine, was near the scene
when a grenade was thrown by
terrorists in Jerusalem's "Street
of Prophets" earlier today.

Two senior officers of the Pal-
estine Command driving Staff cars
similar to General MacMillan's
passed the scene one three min-
utes before and the other two
minutes after the grenade burst.
—Reuter.

AID TO CHINA ARGUMENT

Philadelphia, Apr. 28.

The former Secretary of State,
Edward R. Stettinius Jr., today
called for vigorous support of the
privately financed projects of the
United Service to China Inc., to
answer China's desperate need
for immediate aid.

Stettinius said China's recon-
struction task was so vast that it
must seek outside help and that
"it is far better that this help
should come from the United
States."

EGYPT'S CASE

New York, Apr. 28.

Mahmoud Hammad, Egyptian
Ambassador to the United
States, said today that Egypt
was "against British troops in
the Suez Canal." Hammad said
the British troops were "a threat
to the peace of the Middle East."
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were "a threat to the peace of the
Middle East."

Moscow's Picture Of Western Ways

London, Apr. 28.

Radio Moscow today broadcast an article by
"Pravda," giving this picture of America and
Britain:

"Luxury and parasitism are rampant in the top
class of society, whereas living conditions and
misery are becoming worse at the other pole
of society and unemployment is growing."

The broadcast quoted an ar-
ticle by Morin on the economic
situation in the two countries, in
which he said: "Monopolists are
shifting all the difficulties of the
postwar period onto the shoul-
ders of the working class alone."
"American monopolists won
during the war the colossal sum
of US\$32,000,000,000. These
astounding gains had, as a con-
sequence, caused a rise in prices
which constitutes the menace of
inflation."

"Since the beginning of 1947,
there have been 5,200,000 unem-
ployed in the United States. The
scope of the offensive launched by
American monopolists against the
working class becomes very clear
when one observes the position
taken by the new Congress, which
at present is examining some 200
anti-workers bills."

"The working class, however,
responds to this offensive, launch-
ed by the reaction, by an ever-
growing resistance. There were
some 5,000 strikes in the United
States in 1946, in which 7,000,000
workers took part. The strike
movement spreads from day to
day. The situation becomes more
and more tense in the United
States."

Of Great Britain, he said:
"War has aggravated the position
of the workers and has immen-
sely enriched the monopolies. The
economic policy of the Labour
Party has not produced important
changes."

"Recent statements of some of
the leaders of the Labour Party
lead to the conclusion that no
changes of any importance will
take place in the future. The
bourgeois systems of Great Brit-
ain and the United States re-
semble pyramids, the foundations
of which are worm-eaten and the
tops adorned by gold and dia-
monds."—United Press.

Russia And The Air Business

Washington, Apr. 28.

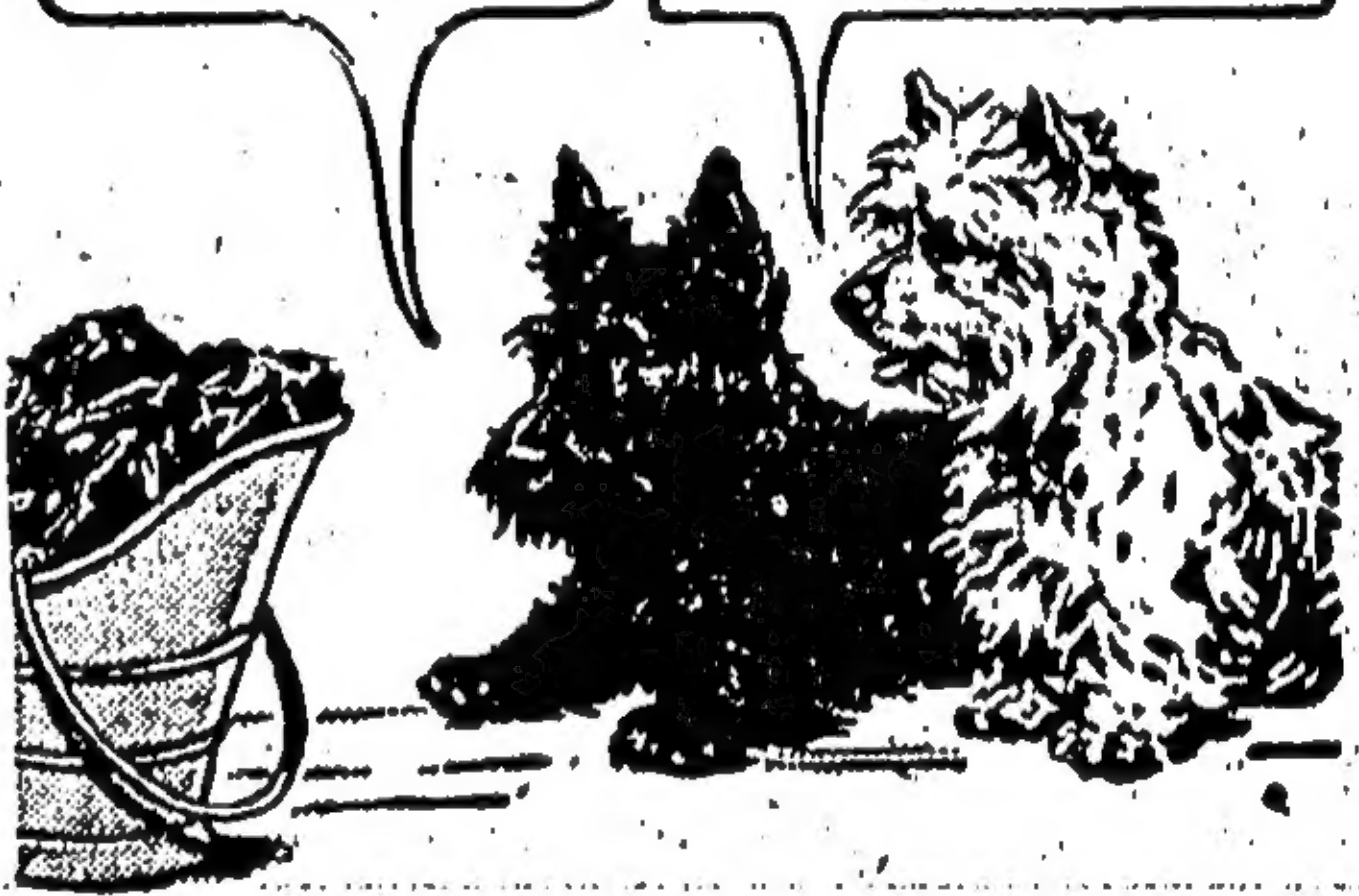
Russian will be the United
States most serious commercial
airlines competitor within a
few years, Juan Trippe, Presi-
dent of the Pan-American Air-
ways declared today.

Testifying before the House
of Representatives of the Com-
merce Committee he urged
Congress to authorize con-
solidation of all United States
commercial overseas aviation.
"Only tremendous subsidies
can preserve for American car-
riers a fair share of interna-
tional traffic if the present un-
economic policy of competition
between American air carriers
is continued."

The United States companies
were "at a distinct disadvan-
tage" in competing with the
Dutch, British and other over-
seas companies because of dif-
ferences in labour costs, Trippe
stated.—Reuter.

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MARSHAL LI'S PROPHECY

Heavy Fine On "Doctor"

Pau Ho-ning, alias Pau Chuen-yun, 52, of Room 22, Ho Tung Building, was fined \$1,050 by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for practising western medicine without registration and for the possession of poison, chloroform, on April 13.

Inspector D. L. Davies said at 11.30 a.m. on April 13 he visited Pau's office and found it equipped entirely for the purpose of western medicine practice and a quantity of chloroform and other western medicines.

As Pau was not there at that time, Inspector Davies added, a warrant for his arrest was issued later, but Pau surrendered himself to the police the following day.

Pleading guilty on behalf of Pau, Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios said his client held a certificate given to him by the Church Mission Hospital in Pak Hoi sometime ago. With this certificate, Pau thought he could practise western medicine in Hong Kong.

Mr. d'Almeida Remedios contended it was a case of mere ignorance of law on the part of his client.

N.C.D.N Strikers Ordered Back

Shanghai, Apr. 29. Employees of the British-owned North China Daily News, strikebound since last Saturday, were ordered to resume work by the Municipal Bureau of Social Affairs today.

Publication will resume tomorrow morning, the management of the paper announced.

The Bureau order instructed the workers to call off the strike without reference to their demand for a flat increase in wages. It further specified no wages will be paid during the strike period. Associated Press.

MILAN TRAGEDY

Milan, Apr. 28.

Three persons were killed and 20 injured, some seriously, when a burst front tyre caused a motor coach to crash into a parapet along the Brescia-Milan road last night.—Reuter.

The War Crimes Investigation Team request the following witnesses to contact them by letter immediately: H. Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong:—Yee Chin Fook (also known as Ho Cheong), Yip Yo, Leung Ping, Lin Lee-w, Wong Kwun, Cher Chee, Kwong Lim, Chong Sy Kwong, Lee Kong, Wong Chee, Pon See, Lee You Min, in connection with the Balile Island atrocities.

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General Uprising In China

The Chinese people will revolt and overthrow Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime in the opinion of Marshal Li Tsai-shum, now living in Hongkong.

The revolt will be a spontaneous uprising of peoples of all factions, Marshal Li said, adding that he had every sympathy with such a movement.

Marshal Li, who headed the 1935 "Independent" Fukien Government and later was a member of the National Military Council, told the United Press in an exclusive interview that the "people's revolt" had already started in North and South China. He said the Communists were "doing their share" in "stirring things up."

Speaking through an interpreter, Marshal Li said there were about 200,000 well-equipped Communist troops in North China whose best source of arms and ammunition were the "American equipment" of the Nationalist soldiers and Peace Preservation Corpsmen.

The activity in South China is as yet on a minor scale, although it is spreading.

U.S. Loan

The Chinese people, he declared, are rebelling against the "despotism, taxation and corruption" of the present regime in which "corruption has become the rule."

He ridiculed reports that the Generalissimo would return, adding that "Chiang would sacrifice everything in order to retain his personal power," judging by his past record.

The Marshal said Chiang hoped to get a loan from the United States by pretending to fight Communism. He criticized American policy in China as "driving people into the arms of Communism" by assisting the present regime and forcing the people to choose between "rebellion or death," while at the same time the United States professes to fight Communism elsewhere.

Other guests included Messrs. Martin Stahl, P. F. E. Watkins, Frank, Smolkin, W. Reginald Smith, A. R. Richards, T. W. Wood, S. L. Bann, D. L. Prophet, L. G. Young and G. Parks.

Visiting Rotarians included: T. A. Zee and Kai Yui from Shanghai, A. A. Rajansky from Sian, K. Lalchand from Hyderabad, T. Alsagoff from Singapore, and A. F. Calder from Shanghai.

During the war, he directed the Generalissimo's South China Headquarters at Kweilin, commending that his "freedom would be restrained" if he returned to China. He was chief of staff of the National Revolutionary Forces (Canton Army) in 1927-28 when Chiang Kai-shek was commander, and still retains his membership of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

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Abduction Charge

Committal proceedings were commenced before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday against nine Chinese on various charges in connection with an armed robbery at 35 South Wall Road, ground floor, on the night of March 25, and the abduction of Chow Chung-yin, a woman defendant. The Ho, had a charge of receiving withdrawn against her by the prosecution, conducted by DSI Matches, and she was accordingly discharged by the Magistrate.

Tsang Wai-keung and Yau Kwai were charged with the forcible detention of Chow and aiding and abetting in the kidnapping of the victim. Tsang was additionally charged with aiding and abetting in the armed robbery.

Yeung Chi-ching, Yuen Kuan-shun alias Yuen Kwok-keung, Yuen Chi-ming alias Yuen Fat, Hui Yung, Lai Choi alias Tau Pei-lai, and Lam Pui, were charged with the armed robbery and the forcible detention of Chow. Chu Yuen, the seventh accused, was charged with being an accessory before the fact to both the armed robbery and abduction.

According to the prosecution, seven masked men (four armed with revolvers and three with daggers) gained admittance into the premises at about 7.30 p.m., and drove all the inmates into the kitchen. Leaving the ninth accused to keep guard, the rest proceeded to ransack the place and finally decamped with a mixed booty valued at about \$502.50. They also took with them Chow Chung-yin whom they mistook for the master.

As the result of intensive inquiries, said DSI Matches, members of the Kowloon City O.D. carried out a search of the Shatin Gap district on March 27 and, inside a cave on the hillside near Fy Yung Pit, they found Chow guarded by Yau Kwai.

Divisional Inspector (now Chief Inspector) J. F. Clarke had the victim freed of his chains.

From information received from the first accused (who was arrested at Kowloon City by a Chinese detective) and Yau, five other men were rounded up on the same day.

Detective Lau Chuen of Tsim-shat-shui Police Station on the identical day received certain information as the result of which he proceeded to a garage at 3 Julia Road and arrested Yeung Chi-ming and his wife Tse Ho.

On the following evening, said DSI Matches, Detective Lap Chuen went to a house at Shantung Street where Lai Choi and Lam Pui were arrested, and brought to the Kowloon City Police Station.

Corroborative evidence was given by Chow Chung-yin, Ng Wai-fong (married woman), Chan Yu and Chan Yam-fong, after which further hearing was adjourned until today.

RESERVATIONS TO HANKOW

The Railway authorities announce that arrangements have been made from May 2 for eight first-class seats with berths to be reserved on every Friday Express from Canton to Hankow for passengers coming from Kowloon. Passengers must apply to the Traffic Manager, Kowloon Station by midday on Wednesday of each week.

New Deal For Taiwan?

Nanking, Apr. 29.

The Executive Yuan this morning appointed 15 Taiwan provincial government committee members, including seven Taiwanese, in what was declared the beginning of a new deal for the island under the governorship of Wei Tao-ming, former Ambassador to Washington.

Two of the Taiwanese committees were given concurrent posts of directors of civil affairs and reconstruction, respectively.

The appointment of a Taiwanese civil affairs director was believed to have opened the way to increased Taiwanese participation in the Taiwan administration.—United Press.

Zermatt, Apr. 29.

Prince Bernhard and his daughters Princesses Beatrix and Irene left Zermatt by train on Monday for Sion where they plan to take a special plane to fly back to the Netherlands. They have spent five weeks holidaying in Switzerland.—Associated Press.

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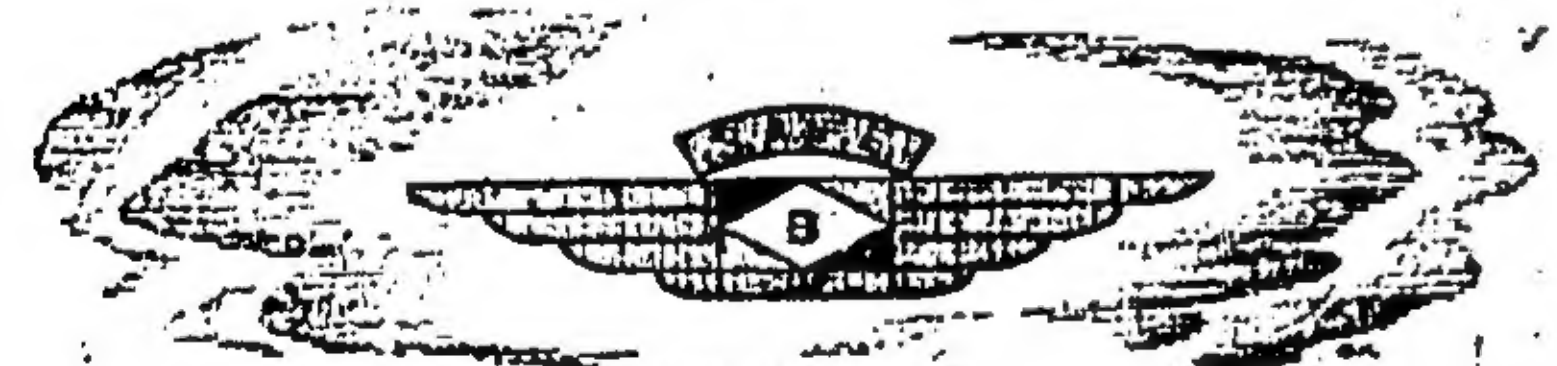
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LI-WOO: The engagement is announced between Dr. Henry Fook-kuen Li, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Li Tse-fong, of 9 Seymour Road, and Miss Vivian Fook-kung Woo, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Wai-tak Woo, of 55 Conduit Road.

LABOUR AND CONSCRIPTION

Every party chief who goes to the polls under the British system must pray for a majority, a working majority. But his second prayer, if he is wise, will be that it should not be too large. After a "tidal wave" he has to look out for trouble with his followers, partly because the daily sight of their numerical superiority at Westminster is apt to give them irresponsible ideas about the extent to which the country shares their views, but also because tidal waves wash up on the Parliamentary beach so many who do not desire to be Parliamentarians. Both these things are true of Mr. Attlee's majority. Its incoherence is so obvious that he may be accounted fortunate if they do not force him eventually to choose between splitting his party and acquiescing in some flagrant betrayal of the national interest. In the division on conscription 242 Labour members voted for the Bill, 72 against, and about 40, it is reckoned, abstained. Thus the Prime Minister received the support of only about two-thirds of his supporters, and if the Conservative Opposition had not been on his side he would have had a very narrow majority. His Government's immediate reaction has been to reduce the period of compulsory service from eighteen months to twelve—a change that might or might not be admissible for military reasons, but plainly ought never to be made for political ones.

Mr. Attlee himself, like Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Dalton, have seen straight on the main issue, because they were in the National Government at the time of Dunkirk and after, and know at first hand how narrowly the country escaped being destroyed in consequence of its having clung too late to voluntary service before the last war. They must now be well aware that, when on April 27, 1939, they and the Liberals voted against Mr. Chamberlain's tardy conscription proposal, they were doing wrong and putting the nation's life in peril. Perhaps one can hardly expect them as politicians to own as much; but at least they have had the courage not to repeat their mistake. The looker-on, says the proverb, sees most of the game; and that will be especially true if the looker-on also pays the forfeits. It was the German-occupied countries of Europe's western sea-board, from France to Norway, which paid the most terrible of the forfeits for British unpreparedness in the last war. Of course, there were many other important elements in that unpreparedness besides, the miniature scale of our voluntarily recruited forces. But the Continent sees the conscription issue as a touchstone, and so surely it is. If we are not ready to supply our fighting forces with the bare requisite of manpower, who will believe that we shall supply the other requisites? And how could they avail if we did? So, if we again shrink from using conscription during peace, there would be no more place for us as a great Power. We might as well disband our Army, Navy and Air Force and adopt a policy of non-resistance, out of the sole, or even the primary, argument for our continuing conscription is to be found in the effect on foreign opinion. The case rests, of course, in the first instance on military arithmetic. Before the war the maximum number of men which voluntary recruiting ever yielded for all three Services together was 425,000, at a time when there was large unemployment

BRITISH VIEWS ON THE FATE OF HITLER

Hitler is dead. That is the official view of the British War Office, based on the findings of H. R. Trevor-Roper, the officer assigned by the British Intelligence Bureau in Germany to investigate.

One or two officers, individually, admit the existence of the faintest ray of doubt, saying one cannot conduct a post-mortem or hold an inquest without a body. Although conclusive evidence is lacking, it is likely that Hitler and Eva Braun were buried in a bomb crater near the bunker under the Reich Chancellery in Berlin. But their bones have never been found and it appears likely that the modern destroyer of mankind is now immune from discovery.

Trevor-Roper, now student of modern history at Christ Church College, Oxford, was granted permission after his demobilization from the British Intelligence Service, to embody the results of his army researches in Germany into a book, "The Last Days of Hitler."

His views are the official Government view on the question.

According to Trevor-Roper's reconstruction, it was not until April 22, 1946, that Hitler at

last, and for the first time, despaired of his mission. At his military conference, with Russian armoured spearheads within the city of Berlin, Hitler flew into a rage. All was over; the third Reich was a failure, and its author had nothing left to do but to die. He would not go to the South. Anyone else who wished might go but he would stay in Berlin and there meet the end when it came.

In those last days, Hitler was finally married to Eva Braun, who for more than 12 years had had no admitted status—neither wife nor acknowledged mistress.

Shortly after the ceremony, Hitler sat in his private suite in the bunker with his wife, Martin Bormann, Goebbels, Frau Goebbels and Hitler's two secretaries, Frau Christian and Frau Junge. As they sat drinking champagne and talking Hitler spoke again of his plans of suicide. National Socialism was finished, he said, and would never revive; death would be a relief to him now that he had been deceived and betrayed by his best friends.

On April 29 Hitler had his favourite German sheep dog

Blondi destroyed and gave poison capsules to his two secretaries for use in extremity. He apologized for giving them no better parting gift.

The next day Hitler lunched with his two secretaries and the cook. Eva Braun was not there. Preparations were already being made for the approaching ceremony.

Hitler's adjutant Guenther sent an order for 200 litres of gasoline to be sent to the Chancellery garden. Four men placed it at the emergency exit from the bunker. Soon afterwards all guards except those on duty were ordered to leave the Chancellery.

After lunch Hitler came from his suite with Eva Braun for a final farewell. Then they returned to the suite. A single shot was heard. After an interval those outside entered and found Hitler lying on a blood-soaked sofa. He had shot himself through the mouth. Eva Braun was also on the sofa, dead. A revolver was by her side—unused; she had swallowed poison.

Shortly afterwards, Arthur Axmann, head of the Hitler Youth, arrived at the bunker and was admitted to see the bodies. In a little while Heinz Lenge, Hitler's personal servant, arrived with another SS man, wrapped Hitler's body in a blanket concealing the shattered head, and carried it out into the passage where other observers easily recognised it by the familiar black trousers.

The body was carried out into the garden, Bormann following with the body of Eva Braun, which needed no blanket.

The two corpses were placed side by side, a few feet from the porch, gasoline was poured over them. Then Guenther dipped a rag in the gasoline, set it alight and flung it out upon the corpses. They were at once enveloped in a sheet of flame.—Associated Press.

A Union Of All Peoples

The United Nations World Magazine, in its current issue, reports Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, as saying in an exclusive interview that the future of the world lies in a world federation and union of all peoples.

"The more the peoples of the world look toward it (federation), the more they will prove worthy to deserve life and prosperity," Sforza is quoted as saying. But, he asked: "When shall it be?"

Sforza also said that Europeans—working for future progress—must now consider their national shores as lying on "that big lake which does not separate us from but links us to America."

Both Great Britain and Russia, together with a repentant and renewed Germany, should be a part of that Europe, said Sforza. He continued:

"After the second world war we all now have to learn a new language which cannot be English or French or Italian alone, or even just European, but must be worldwide instead."

"This is why Italy wants to believe in the United Nations in order to dispel national egotisms. We have to proceed step by step, of course."

"We Europeans have to begin by believing in Europe because too many of us like saying that Europe is finished, that our Continent is getting every day nearer to being a small unimportant Asiatic Peninsula."

But, he declared, Europe must consider its link with America. Italians, in their spiritual and economic relations with the United States, "have gone so far that everyone over here begins to realize what continental interdependency will mean."

"It will consolidate confidence in peace as a guarantee for us, for our children, and let us hope, for the children of our children."

Italy, Sforza is quoted as telling the Magazine, "will do in the United Nations what Cavour did at the Congress of Paris." He sponsored the coming of liberty and peace in Europe.

Shortsighted people at the time, said Sforza, "accused him of not having mentioned Italy. They were wrong. He served his country well because he identified Italy with the supreme principles marked for triumph. History later proved he was right."

About Italy's future relations with Yugoslavia, the Italian Foreign Minister is reported to have recalled that an Italian writer said a century ago: "If not for love, it is for their mutual interest that the two Adriatic neighbours will have to get on together; and to have added 'we are doing what we can.' I have already had a commercial office opened in Belgrade in order to take up and develop our trade relations, and very soon there will be an exchange of diplomatic representatives."

Sforza then declared: "As regards Trieste, although I fear the free state will not fulfil expectations of peace or political realities, I wish it to be a first experiment of international postwar collaboration between two nations.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I hope you girls don't mind! Junior wants to get into the big money while he's still young!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

COMBINE TWO DEFENSES

There are two extreme kinds of defense against the usual No Trump game contract. One is that whereby you concentrate on developing tricks to be taken by your own side. The other is that in which you exert yourself principally to kill off the declarer's taking of tricks.

Sometimes neither of those plans will get the desired result, but a timely combination of the two will.

S. J 10 9 4 3 2
H. 8 6 5 3
D. None
C. K Q 10

S. A 8 7
H. A Q
D. Q 10 9
C. 7 6 3

S. Q 6 5
H. J 7
D. A K 8 2
C. J 8 5 3

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)
West North East South
1 D 1 S 2 H Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT

With slight variations, including a diamond rebid by West or a club call by East, the bidding landed three pairs of a duplicate game in that same contract. In every case North opened the spade 1 to the K, and West saw at once that he must set up something in diamonds to get nine tricks. So the second lead in each case was a diamond, which South took with the K. Then came differences.

One South player continued work on spades, leading the Q in which West held up, and then the 5 to the A. West then knocked out the diamond A. South now returned a club, but when the A was won West had no trouble to run the rest of the tricks to make an extra.

The second South player, when in with the diamond K, viewed the club A as a "dangerous reentry to the dummy to bring in hearts, so shot at it with the club 3. The Q was allowed to win, then the K drove out the A. Now West eliminated South's diamond A, whereupon the club J won the defense's fourth trick. But that was all, for the club 9 was set up, also all red cards.

The third South saw the danger of the clubs being blocked if North held what he did. So, after winning with the diamond K, he first scored his spade Q, being sure West would hold up once, and then shifted to the club 3. By thus stealing a spade trick, his side got a total of five, with two each in the minors. It turned out that knocking the club A out of its re-entry function was unimportant, but the combining of the two plans put the blocks to West anyway.

Naval Men On Strike

Auckland, Apr. 28. Fifty-five ratings of His Majesty's New Zealand cruiser "Bolton" overruled their leave on Monday in protest against the new scale of pay for the New Zealand armed forces.

The "strikers" complained that whereas soldiers are given the option of accepting the new rates or taking their discharge, this privilege has not been extended to the navy.

The remainder of the crew of over 800 were on duty as usual and the situation is being examined by a naval board.—Associated Press.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K J 8 6 4
H. A K 7 6
D. Q 8
C. J 6

S. A Q
H. Q J 9
D. 5 3 2
C. K 5 4

S. 8
H. 8
D. K J 10 6 5 2
C. A 10 8 3 2

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

With conventional bidding of this deal, landing South in 6 Diamonds, what logic should show West the killing lead?

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SATURDAY, 10th May, 1947.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.30 p.m.
Through numbers (8 Races—\$10) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$200) on the last race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, etc.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27408).
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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.
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GEN. MARSHALL HOPEFUL
Report To Nation On The Moscow Conference
What Joe Stalin Told Him

Washington, Apr. 29.
United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall, reporting to the nation on the Moscow conference, said today that Stalin told him that "compromises were possible on all the main questions" of a German peace settlement.

Marshall expressed a hope that Stalin's view is correct and that "it implies a greater spirit of co-operation by the Soviet delegation in the future conferences."

Despite the failure of the four Foreign Ministers to agree on the major issues Marshall advised that "possibly greater progress towards final settlement was made than was realized."
He added: "The critical differences were for the first time brought into the light and now clearly defined so that future negotiations can start with a knowledge of exactly what the issues are that must be settled."

Marshall warned, however, that "disintegrating forces are becoming evident in Europe" and that "the patient is sinking while the doctors deliberate."

Blaming Russia for most of the disagreement at the conference, Marshall said, "Agreement was made impossible at Moscow because, in our view, the Soviet Union insisted upon proposals which would have established in Germany a centralized Government adapted to the seizure of absolute control of a country which would be dominated economically through an inadequate area and excessive population, and would be mortgaged to turn over a large part of its production in reparations, principally to the Soviet Union."

Austria Also

"In another form, the same mortgage on Austria was claimed by the Soviet delegation," Marshall continued. "Such a plan, in the opinion of the United States delegation not only involved an indefinite American subsidy, but could result only in a deteriorating economic life in Germany and Europe and the inevitable emergence of dictatorship and strife."

In another sharp criticism, Marshall said that propaganda appeals to passion and prejudices appeared to take the place of appeals to reason and understanding.

He added: "Charges were made by the Soviet delegation and interpretations given to the Potsdam and other agreements which varied completely from the facts as understood or as factually known by the American delegation."

Marshall advised in his first major address since he became Secretary of State in January, "We must not compromise on great principles in order to

achieve agreement for agreement's sake."

Point Of View

"But," he also said, "we must sincerely try to understand the point of view of those with whom we differ."

His disclosure of what he was told by Stalin at their conference at the close of the Foreign Ministers meeting followed that observation.

Stalin told him that the conference represented only the "first skirmishes and brushes" in the reconnaissance forces "on the European peace settlement."

Marshall paraphrased the Soviet leader's remarks thus: "Differences had occurred in the past on other questions and as a result after people had exhausted themselves in dispute, they then recognized the necessity of compromise."

"It was possible that no great success would be achieved at this session, but he (Stalin) thought that compromises were possible on all the main questions including demilitarization, the political structure of Germany, reparations and economic unity."

Patience, Says Stalin

"It was necessary to have patience and not become pessimistic,"

Marshall continued: "I sincerely hope that the Generalissimo is correct in the view he expressed and that it implies a greater spirit of co-operation by the Soviet delegation in the future conferences, but we cannot ignore the factor of time."

The recovery of Europe has been far slower than had been expected.

"Disintegrating forces are becoming apparent, the patient is sinking while the doctors deliberate. So I believe that action cannot await compromise through exhaustion. New issues arise daily. Whatever action is possible to meet these pressing problems must be taken without delay."

Unity Of Action

Marshall wound up his report with the advice: "The state of the world today and the position of the United States make mandatory, in my opinion, a unity of action on the part of the American people."

In tribute to Chairman Arthur Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Connally, Democrat of Texas, for their leadership on the Greek-Turkish programme, Marshall said that unity of purpose in Washington was "of incalculable assistance to me in Moscow."—Associated Press.

Bevin Back From Moscow

Berlin, Apr. 28.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, arrived by train from Moscow today and described his trip as "very swell, but very slow."

Mr. Bevin made no statement at the station, where he was met by the British Military Governor, Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas, the deputy Military Governor, Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, the American Ambassador, Mr. Herbert Murphy, and Maj. Gen. William Draper, Jr.

The Foreign Secretary will stay overnight in Berlin and proceed to London by plane some time tomorrow.

During a four-hour stopover last night in Warsaw—two hours longer than planned—Mr. Bevin conferred with the Polish Premier and Foreign Minister. He gave no indication of the subject of their conversations.—United Press.

Prepared To Consider

London, Apr. 28.

The Supply Minister, Mr. John Wiggot, said in the Commons today that he was prepared to consider a proposal "at German and Italian engineers be brought to Britain to aid in the country's economic rehabilitation."

The proposal was made by Mr. Ellis Smith (Lab) on the grounds that Germany and Italy were "responsible for dealing a deadly blow at our economy."—United Press.

LEND-LEASE SETTLEMENT

Washington, Apr. 28.
The Soviet delegation is ready to begin Lend-Lease settlement talks with the United States, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, M. Nikolai Novikov, has notified the State Department.

The State Department is expected to suggest some day this week for the start of the negotiations, which will probably last for some weeks.—Reuter.

Germans Cooking Statistics

Herford, Germany.

The British Control Commission here today accused German doctors of deliberately exaggerating hunger statistics in what appeared to be an attempt to induce the British authorities to provide more food.

"The British public health authorities do not need to be convinced that the position is serious and that any deterioration in the food situation would have grave consequences."

"Yet the German authorities persist in trying to paint a picture far worse than in reality. German doctors were asked to make returns of all deaths due to malnutrition or hunger," the article said.

When a report was called for later on each case in which death was stated to be due to malnutrition, the results were "to say the least of it, surprising," it added.

"In Hamburg sixty of the 92 persons diagnosed as having died from malnutrition were also suffering from some major organic disease such as cancer or tuberculosis, while eight of the cases were over 80 years of age, 12 over 70 and 5 over 60."

"Only about 36 percent of the cases could truly be said to have been suffering from malnutrition as the primary condition and several of these were refugees or ex-prisoners of war from Russia," the article said.—Reuter.

BABY VICAR APOLOGISES

LONDON, APR. 29.
AN ENGLISH VICAR TODAY APOLOGISED PUBLICLY FOR SAYING THAT BRITAIN'S THOUSANDS OF SPINSTERS DEPRIVED OF HUSBANDS BY THE WAR SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO HAVE BABIES WITHOUT MARRYING.

The Reverend W. G. Hargrave Thomas, 58-year-old vicar of Needham Market, Suffolk, whose comment focussed attention on the problems of the nation's "surplus women" said in a statement.

"At the last meeting of the East Suffolk Education Committee, during the discussion of my motion for equal pay for equal work for women teachers, in winding up the debate, I made a remark to the effect that those thousands of women whom the wars deprived of the possibility of a husband should be able to assert their rights to have a family if they wanted one."

"This statement together with its sequel in the press has caused many people considerable distress which I deeply regret. I am sorry that I said it and I desire to withdraw it unreservedly."—Associated Press.

America Gets Impatient

Montreal, Apr. 28.
Russia's delay in joining the Inter-National Civil Aviation Organisation here will meet definite action from the United States delegation to the body's assembly beginning in Montreal on May 6. It was learned here.

At what is considered to be the most important meeting for worldwide flying affairs ever held, the United States has definitely decided to oppose reserving for Soviet Russia a seat on the organization's administrative council, to be elected then.

The United States—probably the most influential member state of the ICAO—will maintain that open council seats should go only to "working" members.—Reuter.

Menacing Rising In Crete

Athens, Apr. 28.
Reports from Canea in Western Crete tonight said that more than 400 armed guerrillas were gathered in a semi-circle around the island's second largest city in what Government officials feared might be an attempt to seize the city.

The guerrillas were said to be in groups of 50, waiting some 20 to 30 kilometres from Canea for the Government's response to the EAM proclamation of a Leftist coalition. The EAM, which is strongest in Western Crete, demanded that all Cretans exiled for political reasons be returned to their homes immediately, that the Government cease "gross anti-Democratic persecution" and replace Major Paul Gypses (military governor of Canea).

The reports said that increasing numbers of Cretans were moving to the hills daily to take up arms against the Government, particularly from Western Crete, which is the homeland of the late Vangelis, anti-monarchist Democratic premier of Greece.

Communication between Crete and the mainland is at present confined to air courier and Government wireless. Cable communications were cut two days ago when armed bands made their first attacks against the gendarmerie.—United Press.

TOO AMBITIOUS

Belgrade, Apr. 28.
Dragoljub Jovanovitch, Serbian Peasant Party opposition leader in the Yugoslav National Parliament and other opposition members today described the Yugoslav Government's \$1,500,000,000 five-year industrialisation plan as too ambitious.

They suggested that a two-year plan producing more immediate results would have been more feasible.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.
The curfew over Jerusalem was lifted tonight after seven days' imposition.—United Press.

British Troops In Greece

London, Apr. 28.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Christopher Mayhew, told the Commons today that no date has been fixed for the withdrawal of British troops from Greece.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Conservative, asked that troops be pulled out "before the position under the American proposals has been consolidated."

Mayhew replied: "We shall withdraw from Greece as soon as it is practicable."—United Press.

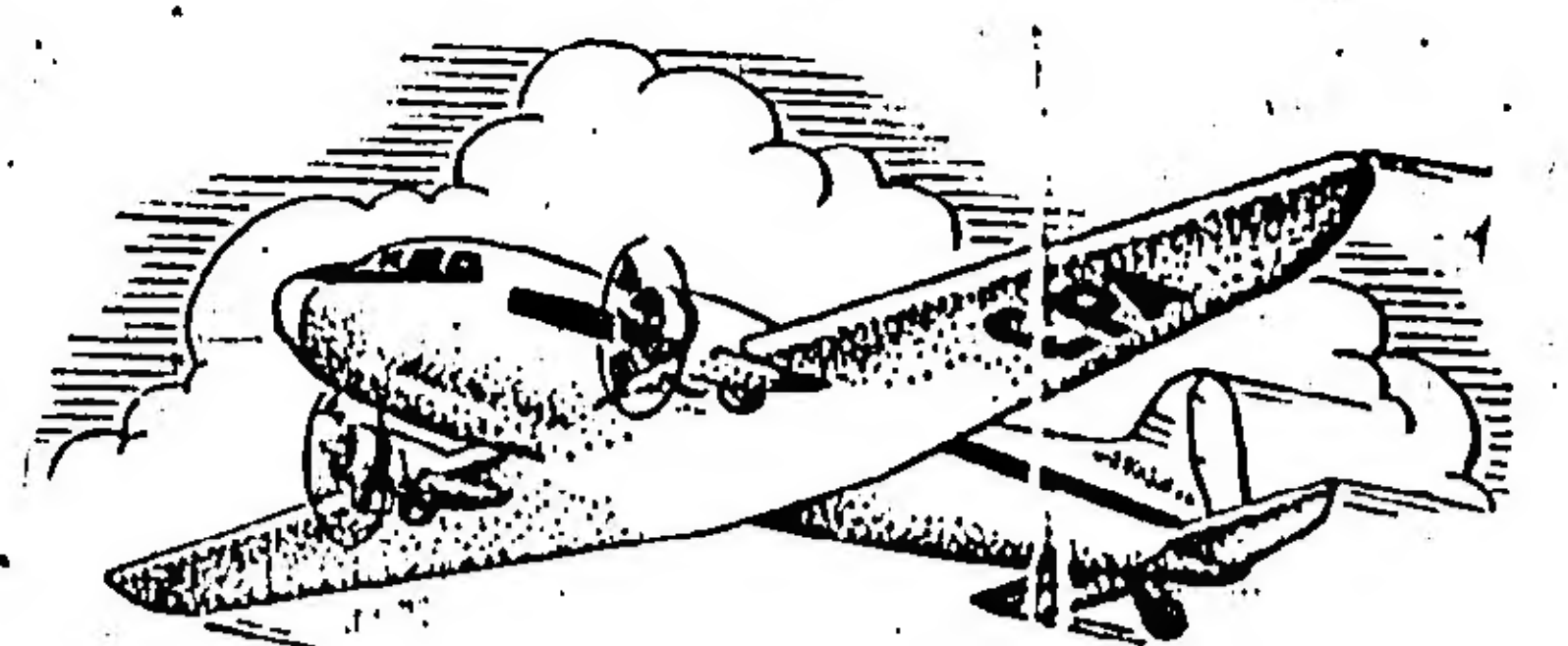
Paris, Apr. 28.
The French Ministry of Finance has approved the grant of 12 million francs for training French candidates for the 1948 Olympic Games in London, it was officially announced in Paris tonight.—Reuter.

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